

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated January 5, 2005. Since June 5, 2005 fell on a Sunday, only a two month extension of time is required. A petition for a two month extension of time is submitted herewith.

Examiner has objected to claims 75-78 being substantial duplicates of claims 1, 9, 10-11. Applicants respectfully disagree. Claim 1 recites a method for "lowering the Young's modulus *or* tan δ of a silicone hydrogel". Claim 75 recites a method for "lowering the Young's modulus *and* tan δ of a silicone hydrogel" (emphasis added). The use of "or" in claim 1 and "and" in claim 75 is more than a slight difference in wording. Applicants respectfully request allowance of both claims.

Claims 1, 6-8, 18, 21 and 75 have been amended to replace polydimethylsiloxane with polydiorganosiloxane.

Claim 22 has been canceled.

Claims 6-8 and 18-23 have been amended to recite that the weight % is based upon based on the total weight of reactive monomer components from which the silicone hydrogel is made.

Claim 76 has been amended to recite that the monomer is different than the mono-alkyl terminated polydiorganosiloxane monomer of claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments have traversed the objections and rejections based upon 35 U.S.C. 112. Withdrawal of the objections and 112 rejections is requested.

Claims 1 and 75 have been amended to recite ranges for the reduction in modulus and tan δ. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 75 may be found at page 7, lines 20-24. Since US 5,314,960 (Spinelli) does not recognize the importance so Young's modulus or tan δ, and does not fairly suggest the specific ranges of Young's modulus and tan set forth in the present application, applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments have traversed the Examiner's rejection. Early allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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